

HOPKINS IS NAMED COMMERCE SECRETARY

Daladier Wins Out Again In Smashing Victory In Chamber

Deputies Fear Consequences of Overthrow of Cabinet in Present Critical Moment, Though Many Disagree With Decree Powers He Demands

Signed Polish Pact



Anastas I. Mikoyan (above), Soviet foreign trade commissar, negotiated and signed the trade treaty between Russia and Poland which has forged a new link of diplomatic friendship.

Paris, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Premier Daladier won a smashing victory today when the Chamber of Deputies, which almost overthrew him yesterday, approved his 1939 ordinary budget by an overwhelming majority.

This was Daladier's third test of strength since yesterday morning. First he escaped overthrow by a margin of seven votes. On the second vote, his majority rose to the comparative security of 37 votes, and in the final test he won a majority of 137 by his determined stand.

Apparently by the simple method of letting the deputies fight themselves by almost throwing his government out, the premier stood out stronger today than at any time since he issued the decree which had raised so much protest among the opposition.

Many of the right wing and center deputies, who had been wavering, swung into line after the government's narrow escape, admitting they were afraid to run the risk of overthrowing the government by refraining from voting, or by voting against the premier.

France Plain With Italy. After his victory in the Chamber, Daladier turned immediately to meet Italy's denunciation yesterday of the 1935 Laval-Mussolini agreement regarding Tunisia.

French observers interpreted the denunciation as an indication that Mussolini finally was ready to follow up the "unofficial" anti-French demonstrations with an official notice that Italy was not pleased with the Mediterranean situation.

COUNTY HOME MAN DIES OF INJURIES Fayetteville, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Ed Lewis, 68-year-old Cumberland county inmate died today in a Fayetteville hospital for injuries he received when he was struck by a truck December 16.

State Group Passes Gifts At Closing Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Christmas gift exchanging held the center of the stage in State offices today. Here and there throughout official circles and there throughout official circles parties were held for more or less formal gift presentations.

Presenting Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell with the big radio given him by revenue employees, Walter L. Horton expressed the hope "this will bring you the news that you have been elected governor."

Maxwell, regarded as an active campaigner for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1940, replied: "This seems like a conspiracy to get me fired," as he huskily expressed his appreciation.

State offices closed at noon for the holidays.

1 day till Christmas SHOP NOW

Insurgents Start Drive Over Spain

Franco Claims Government Lines Broken in Four Places on Catalonia Front; "Suicide" of British Consul Called "Execution" in Spy Hunt

Zaragoza, Spain, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The insurgent high command announced today that the government's front in Catalonia, in northeastern Spain, had been broken in four places by the first onslaughts of a new insurgent offensive.

(For a month reports from both sides in the Spanish civil war have described insurgent preparations for a major offensive by which it was said General Franco hoped to end the war, now in its 30th month. But the drive has been delayed, partly because of the officially confirmed leakage of Franco's military plans to the Barcelona government and a resultant widespread spy hunt in insurgent Spain, and partly because of bad weather.

(Dispatches reaching Bourg-Madame, France, on the Spanish frontier, today said Franco's Moroccans had launched six separate attacks in falling snow and near zero weather against government lines along the Segre river, near Tremp, but that all had been thrown back.)

BRITISH CONSUL "SUICIDE" DECLARED AN "EXECUTION" Hendaye, France, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dispatches reporting the suicide of a British consulate employe following his arrest in an alleged widespread spy plot was interpreted in two ways today on the border.

Reports from within insurgent Spain said the suicide was an admission of guilt in the espionage network, and indicated the dead man, identified in a Burgos dispatch only as "Permin", a consulate porter, had tried to smuggle military information out in the British consul's automobile.

Government sources, however, scoffed at the suicide report, and declared that the arrested man had been executed. The suicide report, they said, was issued officially to support the insurgent side of the alleged espionage plot.

Slight Gains In Stock List New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Bidding for leading rails and industrials helped keep today's stock market on the advancing trail. After an active start, with a large bloc of favorites changing hands at gains running to a point or so, profit-taking intervened and cut top marks and speeds appreciably.

The upturn was resumed later, with a show of liveliness, and near the fourth hour quotations were at or around the day's peaks. Secondary carrier bonds achieved further popularity.

The committee urged revision of the rate-making rules of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and substitution of a new rule "applicable to all modes of transportation."

Repeat of the so-called long and short haul clause, which prevents railroads from charging less for a long haul than for a short haul over the same route was also proposed. The committee suggested that a court be established to have exclusive jurisdiction over matters connected with railroad reorganizations, relieving the I. C. C. of all responsibility in that field.

The committee also recommended that the I. C. C. be relieved of responsibility for prescribing a general plan for consolidation of the railroads, "thereby restoring to the carriers all initiative, but requiring approval by the transportation board of any consolidation."

Other developments: Representative Fish, Republican, New York, criticized denunciation of foreign governments by American cabinet officers as "dangerous to the

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New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Workers in the heart of the financial district were alarmed today by an explosion which rattled the windows of a 50-story skyscraper, the Irving Trust building, at No. 1 Wall Street. But nobody was hurt. Wall Streeters still remember the explosion of September 16, 1920, when a peddler's cart loaded with dynamite blew up in front of the offices of J. P. Morgan & Company, killing 30 persons and injuring

Had Franco Plans



Harold Goodman, British vice consul, shown at San Sebastian, Spain, was as much surprised as were Franco officials when plans for the Franco Spanish offensive were found in his diplomatic pouch during a trip from San Sebastian to St. Jean de Luz. Franco postponed drive as he battled revolt within his own ranks, according to reports. Loyalist spies had obtained plans of drive.

(Central Press)

New Jewish Problem For Europe Seen

Hungary's Denial of Full Political and Economic Rights to Race Causes Worries; Jews Returning from Concentration Camps There

Budapest, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Hungary confronted Europe with a fresh Jewish problem today when the government placed before Parliament sweeping measures to restrict Jews' participation in the economic and political life of the nation.

The anti-Semitic program was introduced in an eight-minute session devoted to reading of a government statement on the Jewish problem. Hungary was obliged to protect herself "against possible infiltration" of Jews from neighboring countries with a population of 200,000,000 in which sharp anti-Jewish measures are being taken, the government of Premier Imredi explained.

In the lower house some government members shouted, "this is a haven of comparative security for Jews, Hungary seemed definitely headed for restrictive legislation barring thousands of Jews from certain businesses, professions and state employment."

Foreign consulates were expecting a storm of applications for visas from many of Hungary's estimated 600,000 "full" Jews and 200,000 described as "fractional" Jews, in a total population of about 9,000,000.

Jews Arrested Nov. 10 RETURNING FROM CAMPS Vienna, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Several hundred Jews arrested during the anti-Jewish drive which began November 10 were returning today from two concentration camps to spend Christmas in their homes. They began arriving yesterday and some of them said they had been released after signing pledges to leave Germany within three months.

Simultaneously, several Jewish families reported they had received notices their menfolk had died in concentration camps.

GUILFORD NEGRO IS REPRIEVED 30 DAYS Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Governor Hoyer said today he had granted a 30-day parole to Bat D. Jounett, Negro convicted in May in Guilford county and sentenced to die. The reprieve automatically fixed the new death date for the Negro as February 17, the third Friday after expiration of the reprieve. Major L. P. McLendon, counsel for the man, requested additional time in which to prepare what he contends is new evidence in the case.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Mostly cloudy, probably scattered light rain tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight and in southeast portion and near the coast Saturday.

Complete Break By FDR Selects U. S. With Germany WPA Chief Talk In Washington For Cabinet

Diplomatic Circles Speculate on Growing Seriousness of Relations With Nazis; Berlin Newspapers Take Much Same View of Crucial Situation

Berlin, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Nazi-controlled newspapers ridiculed President Roosevelt today as Germany's officialdom and press awaited word from Chancellor Hitler as to the next move in the German-American tension arising from Secretary Ickes' anti-dictatorship speech. The press apparently had instructions to mark time on the Ickes affair until the government had time to formulate its policy, following Secretary Welles' firm rebuff of the request for an official apology for the secretary of the interior's Cleveland talk.

As a result, bitter attacks on Ickes gave way to scorn for the President because he had received a medal awarded by the American Hebrew Magazine.

Late today the press still had published nothing of the German protest to Washington or Welles' reply. Meanwhile, Nachtausgabe, in an editorial drew attention to the Jewish award to Roosevelt, and turned its caricatures loose on Ickes.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Diplomatic circles here speculated today on the possibilities of a complete rupture of German-American relations, but State Department officials termed such discussions premature. No effort was made in government quarters, however, to minimize the local situation reached with the United States' barbed rejection of a German protest against Secretary Ickes' recent attack on Nazi policies. Word went out from the State Department that the United States would take no further steps unless forced to by Germany.

Hopes were expressed privately the Hitler government would heed the blunt statement of Acting Secretary (Continued on Page Three.)

Succeeds Resigned Secretary Roper; To Be Sworn in at White House Christmas Eve Day; Roper Steps Out Today According to His Request

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today named Harry L. Hopkins to succeed Daniel C. Roper as secretary of commerce.

Stephen Early, a presidential secretary, announced the appointment and said Hopkins would be sworn in in President Roosevelt's White House study tomorrow.

Army Colonel Heads WPA At the same time the President designated Colonel F. C. Harrington to succeed Hopkins as works progress administrator.

Anthony Williams, deputy WPA administrator, will become national youth administrator. Williams now is executive director of NYA, a part of WPA.

Only a few friends of Hopkins will be present at the ceremony at which he takes his new office tomorrow. He still must be confirmed by the Senate, however. There were rumblings of opposition to his confirmation, even before his appointment was announced.

Early said he did not believe Senate confirmation would be required for Harrington, and he drew distinction between his "designation" and a formal appointment. Harrington is an army officer and will head WPA on detail from the army. He will draw his regular army pay and receive no remuneration from WPA, the White House said.

While Hopkins' appointment takes care of one of the two impending cabinet vacancies, the White House did not disclose when the appointment of a successor to Attorney General Cummings might be expected.

Roper's resignation as commerce secretary is effective today. Cummings resigned effective some time in January.

Hijackers Get \$1,250 In Raleigh

Woolworth Store Assistant Manager Robbed of Deposit on Starting for Bank; Robbers Get Away

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Sergeant G. E. Lasater, of the Raleigh police department, said this afternoon that two men held up W. D. Reavis, assistant manager of the F. W. Woolworth 5 and 10 Cent Store here today and escaped from the crowded store with an estimated \$1,250.

Reavis told officers he was going down the steps from the mezzanine office to the first floor of the store, headed for the bank, when two men stopped him. He said they pushed a pistol into his ribs and demanded the money he carried.

Fleeing from the store, officers said the men jumped into an old coupe parked at the corner of Martin and Salisbury streets, in the center of downtown Raleigh.

The store office is reached by a stairway completely hidden from the store except at the bottom and top. The stairway is near the back door of the store on Salisbury street.

COAST GUARD TAKES SICK SAILOR ASHORE Manteo, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Captain William Barnett and a crew from the Oak Island coast guard station landed a sick seaman from the American steamer Scottsburg early today and sent him to a Southport hospital. The seaman, A. E. Calbe, 21, was reported ill of tonsillitis. The steamer was bound to New Orleans.

Named To Cabinet



HARRY L. HOPKINS

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Washington, Dec. 23.—One of the big problems Congress will have to tackle at its coming session is the matter of the Works Progress Administration's cost. Times being somewhat better than they were, there already are signs of a strong demand for a cut in the WPA's appropriation. Administrator Harry L. Hopkins hasn't said anything to indicate that he indorses it, but he has said that he favors any reasonable investigation calculated to keep politics out of

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Cotton Shows Little Change

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened three points lower to three higher on foreign houses selling January and buying October. March declined from 8.41 to 8.38, leaving the list two points lower to one higher shortly after the first half hour. March moved up from 8.37 to 8.39, with the list around midday net unchanged to one point higher.

CUMBERLAND LADY BURNED TO DEATH Fayetteville, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Nancy W. Hair, 62, was found burned to death near her home in the Hope Mills section today. County officers said her dress apparently had become ignited at an open fire place and that she collapsed as she made an attempt to get to a nearby creek.

Girl Dead, Father Almost Dead In Columbus Affair

Whiteville, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A 17-year-old girl was dead today, her father critically wounded and a 60-year-old man under arrest as a result of a shooting scrape last night that Sheriff H. D. Stanley said was attributed to "jealousy as far as we can learn now."

The sheriff said the dead girl was Geneva Grainger and her father was William Grainger, 38, operator of a filling station near a rural community ten miles south of here. Miss Grainger was shot twice in the body, the sheriff said, and died a few minutes later. Her father also was shot in the body, the bullet lodging near the spine, the sheriff said.

Reynolds Not To Object To Hancock

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, said today he would not oppose the nomination of Representative Frank Hancock, his unsuccessful primary opponent, to be a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

Reynolds had recommended George Coan, Jr., North Carolina WPA administrator, for the board vacancy. "I have no idea of making any objection to Mr. Hancock's appointment," Reynolds said upon his return here from a six weeks visit in Europe. "The appointment was one about which I had nothing to say except to make a recommendation."

President Roosevelt announced yesterday Hancock's appointment to the \$10,000 year job.